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[Report No. 109-170]

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 29, 2005

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. COCHRAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

OCTOBER 27, 2005

Reported by Mr. DOMENICI, with an amendment

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Alaska Water Re-
3 sources Act of 2005”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of the Interior.

8 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
9 of Alaska.

10 **SEC. 3. ALASKA WATER RESOURCES STUDY.**

11 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary, acting through the Com-
12 missioner of Reclamation and the Director of the United
13 States Geological Survey, where appropriate, and in ac-
14 cordance with this Act and other applicable provisions of
15 law, shall conduct a study that includes—

16 (1) a survey of accessible water supplies, includ-
17 ing aquifers, on the Kenai Peninsula, ~~in the Municipi-~~
18 ~~pality of Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna~~
19 ~~Borough~~ *and in the Municipality of Anchorage, the*
20 *Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the city of Fairbanks,*
21 *and the Fairbanks Northstar Borough;*

22 (2) a survey of water treatment needs and tech-
23 nologies, including desalination, applicable to the
24 water resources of the State; and

25 (3) a review of the need for enhancement of the
26 streamflow information collected by the United

1 States Geological Survey in the State relating to
2 critical water needs in areas such as—

3 (A) infrastructure risks to State transpor-
4 tation,

5 (B) flood forecasting,

6 (C) resource extraction; and

7 (D) fire management.

8 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
9 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
10 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
11 Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of
12 Representatives a report describing the results of the
13 study required by subsection (a).

14 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

15 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
16 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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